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Dear «C_FNAME» «C_LNAME»:

In a few weeks, we will call you about the GuLF STUDY, a research study on the health of people involved with the oil spill clean-up in the Gulf of Mexico. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is leading this research. The study includes clean-up workers and others. About 55,000 people will be included.

You were selected because you helped with the oil spill clean-up, took training, signed up to work, or were sent to the Gulf to help in some way. Your name was on one or more lists such as the PEC Premier training list, the NIOSH survey, or the TRG security badge list. When you are called, we will tell you more about this important study and ask you to participate. If you do not want to be called, you can call the study center toll-free at 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853) in the next two weeks to let us know.

Why should you participate? The GuLF STUDY will give you an opportunity to share your experiences. Study results will help us understand the potential health effects of oil spills. Results also may help others learn how best to protect people in case there is ever another oil spill.

You will be asked to complete a 30 to 60 minute survey about what you did during the spill and about your health habits, and other jobs. We will then follow your health over the next 10 or more years.

You may also be asked to join the next stage of this study. If you agree, we will send an examiner to your home to measure your height, weight, and blood pressure. The examiner will collect a blood and urine sample and collect some dust from your home. Depending on where you live, the examiner may also measure your lung function. You will then be contacted every two to three years to answer questions about your health. If you are selected, you will receive a gift card worth \$50 for completing the home visit.

The telephone survey and the home visit are voluntary. Information you share will be kept private. If you complete the telephone survey you may choose not to do the home visit. It is up to you.

Your help is very important. The enclosed brochure gives more information about the study. You can also visit our website at <http://www.nihgulfstudy.org> or call us toll-free at 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853). We look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,



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